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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6861**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1282

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 26, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Juvenile Alcohol Offenses.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill repeals a provision that states that a child commits a delinquent act if the child violates the law concerning minors and alcoholic beverages. It makes a conforming change.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill could marginally reduce the number of juveniles who are committed to Department of Correction (DOC) juvenile facilities for alcohol violations. As of December 21, 2001, DOC reported that seven juveniles were in DOC juvenile facilities for alcohol violations as the most serious offense.

These seven juveniles represent less than 1% of the entire juvenile population in DOC facilities as of October 2001 (7 juveniles committed for an alcoholic beverage out of 1,511 male and female juveniles). The average annual cost for housing a juvenile offender in a juvenile facility was \$49,490 in FY 2000.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Juvenile courts would need to determine an alternative method of punishment for juveniles who were sentenced for alcohol-related violations. These alternatives could be either probation, community corrections, or some other form of intensive supervision.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Correction.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Courts with juvenile jurisdictions.

**Information Sources:** Department of Correction.